

curbside guidelines\* - it takes two, green and blue!

- Please use **blue cart for trash** and **green cart for recycling**. Contaminated carts will not be collected.
- Set carts out by 7am on your collection day or as early as 4pm the day before
- Please be sure your trash and recyclables fit into the carts. **Close the lids**. Please see below for information about extra trash or recycling
- Do not place paper, containers, or yard waste in plastic bags
- Place your cart within 3 feet of the curb with the handle facing the house
- Please keep 4 feet between your cart and other items—such as other carts, poles, cars, trees, etc.

(\*for residents with municipal solid waste collection)



single stream recycling—simple as ever, just put it all together



- Place loose in **green carts**:
- **cardboard and paperboard** (cereal, shoe boxes, etc.)
  - **newspapers, magazines, phone books, junk mail** (envelopes OK)
  - **all office paper** (staples, paper clips OK)
  - **all plastic bottles** , leave caps ON, “check for the neck”
  - **plastic food tubs** (yogurt, cottage cheese)
  - **glass containers** (all colors)
  - **aluminum** pie plates, trays, and foil
  - **metal cans** (steel, tin, aluminum)
  - empty **aerosol cans**
  - beverage **containers, drink boxes, milk/juice cartons**

All items must fit into the recycling cart with the lid closed tight, bring extras to the Recycling Depot or...  
**Need another recycling cart?**  
Extra recycling carts are provided free-of-charge to residents. Requests accepted April-November.

- ✓rinse and flatten containers
- ✓place items loose in bin
- ✓DO NOT use plastic bags

Missed pick up?  
If was out by  
7am, please call  
617.796.1000

- please:
- No paper take-out containers
  - No plastic bags
  - No Styrofoam
  - No plastic utensils
  - No plastic toys
  - No clothes hangers
  - No window glass
  - No dishes or glassware
  - No Pyrex
  - No light bulbs
  - No paint cans
  - No textiles

trash collection guidelines



Please recycle all paper, cardboard, glass, metal, and plastic containers. Recycling saves the City money and is required by City Ordinance. Help us promote waste reduction by donating or selling unwanted items in good condition: see our website or call for more information. To prevent litter, please do not place loose trash directly in the cart.

Bulky Item Pickup

The City will pick up 5 bulky items per week, please call by 3:30pm the business day before your collection day to schedule:

- tires (2 per week, no rims)
- carpets (cut, rolled and tied into bundles less than 4 ft.)
- lumber, lengths less than 4 feet in bundles less than 50 lbs.
- furniture } consider donation!
- mattresses }
- other oversized items that are not metal or plastic, bring these to Depot

Call a private hauler:

- construction materials (if useable, please contact the Building Materials Resource Center 617.442.8917)
- Odd items longer than 4 feet and heavier than 50 pounds



Appliances. Electronics

&Metals: Call for a special pick up:

- computers, monitors, and printers\*\*
- TVs, stereos, etc.\*\*
- Metal items—cabinets, shelving, etc\*
- refrigerators, air conditioners, freezers\*
- water heaters, stoves, washers and dryers, etc.\*

\*appliances, Freon, and metal items can be brought to the Depot  
\*\*electronics accepted the 3rd Fri and Sat of each month at the Depot. \$18/CRT

Bring to the Depot:

- motor oil
- fluorescent bulbs
- non-alkaline batteries
- mercury items
- Rigid plastic (lawn furniture, toys, barrels, etc)
- lawn mowers
- scrap metal
- appliances and freon items (or call for curbside pick up)
- household hazardous waste and paint (during collection times)



**Have more trash than fits in your cart?** For occasional overflow trash, you can purchase 33-gallon orange “overflow” bags at participating local stores; call or visit the website for details.

For regular amount of overflow trash, you can purchase an extra 35-gallon or 64-gallon cart for an annual fee. Payment of the annual fee must be current. You can pick up a form at Newton City Hall, 1000 Commonwealth Ave, Newton MA 02459 or purchase online.

www.newtonrecycles.com

617.796.1000

yard waste



Place in paper yard waste bags or barrel labeled “YARD WASTE” (stickers available at City Hall):

- **leaves, grass and plants**
- **tree and shrub prunings and twigs**
- **wood chips** and other **vegetative matter**
- **bundle** large limbs (6 inches or less in diameter) **with rope or twine** in lengths less than 4 feet and thinner than 3 feet in diameter.

How to prepare:

- face labels to the street
- **branches must not protrude** from the barrels
- bags and barrels **must not exceed 40 gallons or 50 pounds**
- **do not use plastic bags**
- **do not use wire or plastic to bundle**
- **do not include:** tree stumps, root balls, rocks, food, or trash

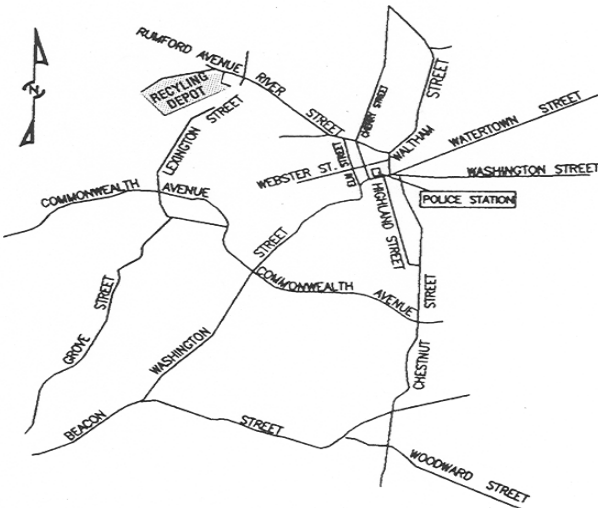
\*\*Collection begins in April and runs through early December, weather permitting. Call for exact dates.

recycling depot—rumford ave resource recovery center

Monday—Saturday 7:30am-2:30pm, closed Sundays and Holidays. Please check during times of extreme weather (heat, snow, rain). City of Newton residents only; for material generated from Newton residences, no commercial or business materials. Proof of Residency required upon request.

BRING to the depot:

- Paper
- Plastic bottles; glass and metal containers
- Cardboard (unflattened OK)
- Non-alkaline batteries (alkalines are safe to throw in the trash)
- Clothing and fabric
- Clean expanded polystyrene (Styrofoam)
- Rigid Plastics (lawn furniture, toys, barrels, etc.)
- Scrap metal
- Lawn mowers, snow blowers, etc.
- Appliances and Freon items (or call for curbside pick up)
- Used motor oil, filters, and antifreeze
- Empty propane tanks
- Fluorescent bulbs and other mercury containing items such as thermostats, thermometers, and flowmeters
- Printer cartridges
- Cell phones



RUMFORD AVE RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTER

paint exchange:

May –October, Monday - Friday 7:30am-2:30pm

- Bring useable paint and paint products, cans must be at least half full and less than 3 years old.
- Small amounts of **dried** paint can be set out with the regular trash (remove lid and use kitty litter or sand to help dry)

Please, NO trash or yard waste collection at the DEPOT

home composting bins

Please consider composting your own leaves, grass clippings and food waste. Bins and kitchen scrap buckets are available for sale at City Hall. For a free guide, visit our website or call!



household hazardous waste

Drop-off collections are held at the Depot from mid-May to mid-October. Weather dependent. Proof of Residency REQUIRED. No more than 5 gallons of a single item accepted. No more than 5 gallons combined accepted.

Materials accepted include:

- Adhesives and glues
- Old paint products
- Hobby and art supplies
- Household cleaners
- Photo chemicals and chemistry sets
- Insecticides and weed killers
- Pool chemicals
- Floor and furniture polishes

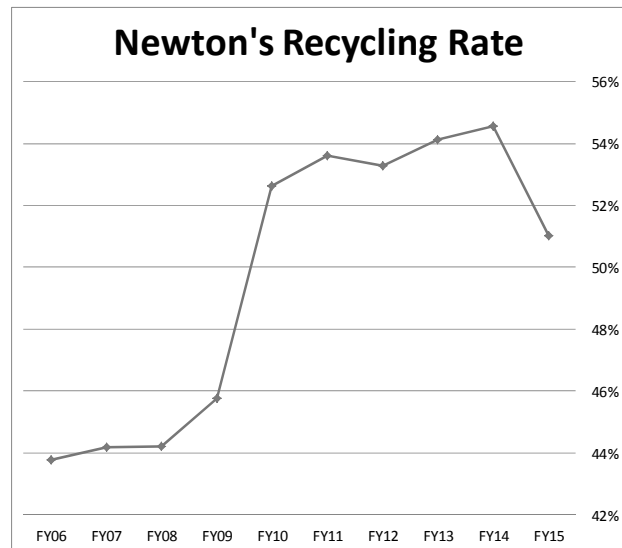


To ensure safety:

- Leave materials in original container
- Tighten caps and lids
- Never mix chemicals
- Do not put into trash bags
- Never smoke while handling hazardous materials

Visit our website for more information!





*Keep up the great work! Since we switched to automated collections and single stream recycling, our overall recycling rate has been above 50% But there is still more work to be done, check out the tips on the next page!*

### how do I get involved?

Newton Recycles is always looking for volunteers to help with ongoing programs and work on one-time projects. Currently, we are searching for volunteers to help staff our Recycling Depot. We also welcome new members to the Solid Waste Commission.

### how do I stay informed?

Sign up to receive our quarterly email newsletter, *The Green Bin*.

Like NewtonRecycles on Facebook

Follow us on Twitter @NewtonRecycles

### questions?

For more information about our programs, to request a additional recycling cart, or to report any solid waste issues, please call **617.796.1000**,

visit our website [www.newtonrecycles.com](http://www.newtonrecycles.com)



### Trimming your Waste-line!

Let's talk trash. Did you know that every year Newton residents throw away about 20,000 Tons of trash? That's enough to fill Fenway Park to the height of the Green Monster, a total of 38 feet!

### simple things you can do:

1. **Recycle more!** Clip out the curbside recycling guidelines in this brochure and post on your fridge.
2. **Choose products with minimal packaging and buy in bulk.** Avoid individually-wrapped items. A jumbo box of cereal uses less packaging than several single serving-sized boxes, and saves you money!
3. **Choose durable, reusable products over single-use, disposable items.** Use cloth napkins instead of paper ones. Get your coffee in a refillable mug. Use canvas bags for shopping.
4. **Reduce junk mail.** Stop by City Hall for a free junk mail reduction kit or visit [www.mass.gov/consumer](http://www.mass.gov/consumer) to get your name off unwanted mailing lists.
5. **Reuse bags, containers, packaging material, and other items.**
6. **Compost.** Recycle leaves, grass, food scraps and paper towels into great garden soil.
7. **Donate unwanted items.** Visit our website for more information.
8. **Choose items with a recycled-content label.** This saves precious resources and closes the recycling loop! If you are not buying recycled, you are not really recycling.
9. **Keep toxic home and garden products out of the trash.** Learn about non-toxic alternatives and safe disposal on our website.
10. **Reduce your use of paper.** Use e-mail, get bank statements and newsletters on-line, and use the library.



### Why Recycle?

- ✓ **SAVES MONEY!** For every 1 Ton we recycle, we save over \$50 in avoided disposal costs.
- ✓ **CREATES JOBS!** In general, recycling creates 6 times more jobs than landfilling or incineration.
- ✓ **SAVES ENERGY!** The energy saved from recycling 1 glass bottle will operate a 100-watt light bulb for 4 hours.
- ✓ **REDUCES GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS!** Recycling 1 Ton of aluminum is equivalent to not releasing 13 Tons of CO<sub>2</sub> into the air.
- ✓ **PRESERVES NATURAL RESOURCES!** Recycling 1 Ton of paper saves 17 trees and 7,000 gallons of water.



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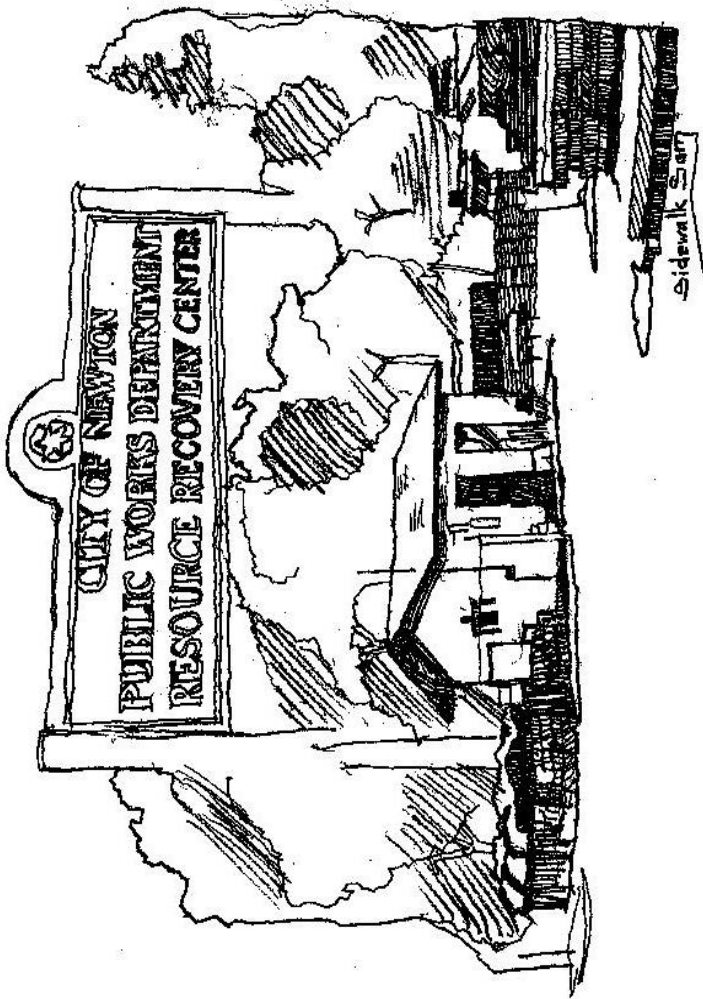
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Recycling: